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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR SCALI'S STATEMENT

IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON SC RES S/10916/ REV.1; AT

APRIL 21, 1973 MEETING OF SC:

QUOTE

IN MY REMARKS BEFORE THIS CHAMBER ON APRIL 12, I ASSERTED
THE DEEPLY FELT VIEW THAT THE OVERRIDING TASK OF THIS COUNCIL
IS TO SEIZE THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY AND MOVE TO PUT AN END TO
VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SO THAT THE POLITICAL PROCESSES
WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO OPERATE.

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I ALSO STATED WHAT I BELIEVE MY DELEGATION HAS MADE
EMPHATICALLY CLEAR ON MANY OCCASIONS, THAT THE UNITED STATES

AS A MATTER OF FIRM PRINCIPLE OPPOSES INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM FROM WHATEVER SOURCE AND OF WHATEVER KIND. STATES MUST NOT EXPORT VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. PRIVATE GROUPS MUST NOT EXPORT VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. ASSESSING BLAME IS SECONDARY TO THE PURPOSE OF ENDING THE MISERY AND SUFFERING ON BOTH SIDES. MY DELEGATION HAS CALLED FOR A MOVE AWAY FROM RECRIMINATION TO EVEN- HANDED CONDEMNATION OF ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE COUNSEL OF DESPAIR OF THOSE WHO WITNESS IT, DEPLORE IT, AND THEN CONCLUDE THAT THE VIOLENCE CANNOT BE CONTROLLED. EVEN LESS DO WE ACCEPT THE VIEW THAT VIOLENCE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED, REGARDLESS OF ITS MOTIVATION.

WE MUST REJECT TERRORISM AS EQUALLY AS WE REJECT VIOLENCE NOW, BEFORE HUMANITY IS FORCED TO ENDURE SO MUCH OF IT THAT IT BECOMES ACCEPTED AS NORMAL, AS THE UGLY NEW RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THAT NATIONS AND GROUPS CAN FOLLOW TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE PRESENT RESOLUTION FALLS SHORT OF FULLY MEETING THESE PRINCIPLES, THESE CRITERIA. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THIS WORLD ORGANIZATION HAS REJECTED THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND COUNTER- VIOLENCE, A DEADLY CYCLE IN WHICH INNOCENT PEOPLE INEVITABLY BECOME VICTIMS. IN OUR VIEW, THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNS BOTH VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. THESE ARE POSITIVE ELEMENTS. MY DELEGATION IS PLEASED THAT BY ITS REFERENCE IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 6 TO " RECENT ACTS" THE RESOLUTION TAKES NOTE OF THE TRAGEDY OF KHARTOUM IN VIOLATION OF SUDANESE SOVEREIGNTY, INCIDENTS IN NCIOSIA VIOLATING CYPRIOT JURISDICTION AND OTHER VICIOUS ACTS IN MANY PLACES, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE. IN MANY OTHER PLACES, MR. PRESIDENT, HORRORS HAVE BEEN AVERTED ONLY THROUGH THE TIMELY PRECAUTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES. TO BRING THE MATTER HOME TO THIS TABLE, I WOULD ALSO MAKE THE POINT THAT EXCEPT FOR THE VIGILANCE OF THE NEW YORK POLICE, THE RECENT PLACING OF MASSIVE EXPLOSIVES IN THREE CROWDED LOCATIONS IN THIS GREAT CITY COULD HAVE CAUSED INDISCRIMINATE CASUALTIES IN ENORMOUS NUMBERS. DO WE HERE BELIEVE THAT WE AND OUR FAMILIES ARE IMMUNE TO THIS KIND OF BLIND TERRORISM UNLESS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AWAKENS TO THE NEED

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MY DELEGATION WITHHELD ITS POSITIVE VOTE FOR TWO PRINCIPAL REASONS. IN OR VIEW, THE RESOLUTION FOCUSES TOO MUCH ON THE MEANINGLESS EXERCISE OF TRYING TO PARCEL OUT BLAME. IT FALLS SHORT OF MEETING THE FULL DIMENSIONS OF THE CHALLENGE FACING THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

UNTIL THIS VERY HOUR, I AND MY DELEGATION HAVE BEEN APPLYING EVERY OUNCE OF OUR ENERGIES TO ACHIEVING, BY QUIET DIPLOMACY,

AN AGREED DRAFT THAT COULD COMMAND THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THIS COUNCIL. WE CAME CLOSE TO SUCCEEDING IN THIS AND WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT WE DID NOT ACHIEVE THIS OUTCOME.

EVEN SO, ALL OF US CAN DERIVE SOME SATISFACTION FROM THE FACT THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS GRAPPLED VIGOROUSLY WITH ONE OF THE GREAT ISSUES OF THE TIME. WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THIS FACT, EVEN IF THE RESULT DOES NOT REACH OUR HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS.

NO RESOLUTION, NO LEGISLATIVE ACT, IS PERFECT. EACH OF THOSE WHO VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION, AS WE HAVE HEARD, HAVE EXPRESSED VIEWS OF HOW IT COULD HAVE BEEN IMPROVED BY ADDING OR SUBTRACTING SOME ADDITIONAL ELEMENT OF BY SOME DIFFERENT EMPHASIS.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, NO RESOLUTION OF THIS COUNCIL CAN BE AN END TO ITSELF. A RESOLUTION'S WORTH IS JUDGED BY ITS EFFECTS, AND ITS EFFECTS DEPEND ON THE ACTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT FLOW OR DO NOT FLOW FROM THE RESOLUTION.

MR. PRESIDENT, BEFORE I CLOSE, I THINK IT IMPORTANT FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORD TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS ON THE MATTER OF ARMS SUPPLIES TO THE MIDDLE EAST AREA. IN THAT CONNECTION, IN THE COURSE OF THIS DEBATE WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL DISTORTED AND ONE-SIDED REFERENCES TO UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE IN MEETING ISRAEL'S LEGITIMATE DEFENSE NEEDS. I HAVE SENSED AN EFFORT TO DEPICT THIS AS A FLOW OF ARMS THROUGH ONE PIPELINE FROM A SINGLE SOURCE TO A SINGLE DESTINATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT EVEN AS WE SIT IN THIS CHAMBER MAJOR DELIVERIES OF WAR MATERIAL HAVE BEEN MADE BY CERTAIN POWERS TO SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

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MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS NO INTENTION OF TAKING STEPS THAT WOULD ALTER THE ARMS BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR OTHERWISE CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY. HOWEVER, I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT PROPOSE TO SIT IDLY BY WHILE OTHERS POUR ARMS INTO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR ONE SIDE, THUS INEVITABLY TEMPTING SOME GOVERNMENTS TO BELIEVE THAT WITH THESE NEW ARMS THEY CAN RISK ANOTHER ROUND IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS IN THE PAST SIX YEARS SOUGHT INSISTENTLY AN AGREEMENT AMONG MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIERS TO LIMIT WEAPONS SHIPMENTS TO THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY AT THIS INSTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IF OTHERS ARE WILLING TO PUT ASIDE THEIR SPECIAL POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AND WORK WITH US TOWARD THE GOAL OF A REDUCED MILITARY CONFRONTATION.

IN CONCLUDING, I WANT TO AFFIRM THAT, DESPITE THE

IMPERFECTIONS OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, MY GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO ENCOURAGE MUTUAL RESPECT OF SOVEREIGNTY AMONG NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO SEEK TO FURTHER THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT AGAINST VIOLENCE AND TERROR FROM ALL SOURCES. DESPITE ITS IMPERFECTIONS, MY GOVERNMENT WILL REGARD THE RESOLUTION'S POSITIVE ELEMENTS AS POINTS OF DEPARTURE FOR EFFORTS TO SEEK A NEW ERA IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- AN ERA IN WHICH ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST WILL LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY, AN ERA IN WHICH THE HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP WILL REACH ACROSS SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BORDERS.

LET US ALL DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT ERA.

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